



Regulation and control of livestock movement is necessary to protect California livestock populations, consumers, and the agricultural economy from catastrophic animal diseases. This guide will help you transport your animal with proper documentation and assist us in our efforts to prevent disease entry into the state.

Health Certificate or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection - A document issued from the state of origin by a USDA accredited veterinarian. Health certificates are valid for 30 days from date of issuance.

Transportation Permit - Movement permits are issued by the state of destination from the State Veterinarian's office.

Domestic Shipments

Before transporting an animal, contact your veterinarian or the state veterinarian in the state of destination. This will assure that the animal meets the import health requirements.

Foreign Shipments (including Mexico and Canada)

Contact the United States Department of Agriculture (916) 857-6170.

Transiting Domestic Livestock

California allows livestock enroute to other states to stop to rest and feed for up to 48 hours.



Entry requirements for specific animals-

These requirements are for animals regulated by the CDFA Animal Health Branch. Some animal species may be regulated by Department of Fish and Game, Department of Health Services, or federal agencies. Regulations may change and additional movement regulations may be initiated during a disease outbreak. Please telephone CDFA Animal Health in advance for more detailed information regarding shipment of the following animals.

Cattle (including Yaks and Asiatic Water buffalo): A permit, health certificate, and individual identification may be required depending on the breed and use.

Bison: A permit, health certificate, and testing is required.

Domestic Rabbits: Must be apparently healthy.

Llamas, alpacas, camels, vicunas: Must be apparently healthy. A health certificate is recommended.

Horses, mules, donkeys, zebras: A health certificate is required. Proof of negative equine infectious anemia test (Coggins test) within 6 months of entry is also required.



Domestic sheep and goats: Must be apparently healthy. A health certificate is recommended.

Domestic Waterfowl: A permit, health certificate and disease statement is required.

Swine: A permit, health certificate, and individual identification is required on certain classes of animals. Animals shipped directly to a state or federal slaughter plant for immediate slaughter are exempt from these requirements.

Ratites (ostriches, emus, rheas, cassoway): Must be apparently healthy. A health certificate is recommended.

Chickens, Turkeys, and Hatching Eggs: Must be shipped in previously unused containers and be from pullorum-typhoid-free states. The flock of origin must have a National Poultry Improvement Plan pullorum-typhoid clean rating. Pet chickens and turkeys must have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days of arrival. A health certificate is recommended.

Hamsters, guinea pigs, laboratory rats and mice: No requirements.



For additional information contact the:
CA Department of Food & Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services
Animal Health Branch
1220 N Street, Room A-107
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 654-1447 Telephone
(916) 653-2215 Fax
Website: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov>

Animal Health Branch District Offices:
Redding (530) 225-2140
Modesto (209) 491-9350
Tulare (559) 685-3500
Ontario (909) 947-4462

**For information regarding non-domestic
and restricted species call:**

CA Department of Fish and Game
License and Revenue Branch
3211 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95816
(916) 227-1305 Telephone
(916) 227-2261 Fax
Website: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>

**For information regarding the shipment of
animals to and from foreign countries call:**

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service -
Veterinary Services
9580 Micron Ave., Suite E
Sacramento, CA 95827
(916) 857-6170 Telephone
(916) 857-6196 Fax
Website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>



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